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Dear FDA Dockets Manager:

Medical technology as we know it in the 21st Century is striving to make a new "break-through" in the hope of saving human lives in record number. Unfortunately, there are many innocent victims, which are, unknowingly, participants in this macabre Frankenstein-like science.

Animals used in research are nothing new. For generation's non-human life forms have suffered and died at the hands of man all in the name of "science". The promise of a medical break through and advancement of knowledge was dependent on the experiments carried out on animals, so we, the general public have been forced to believe and accept for this for decades.

The ethical questions regarding this wanton use of living, breathing creatures has largely been "put on the back burner" due to money, which amounts to nothing more than greed. Large medical and manufacturing corporations stand to gain enormous financial profit, billions in revenue, if they can somehow convince their investors, the general public and sick patients in need, that they are on the verge of a medical miracle. This in turn will make their investors sink even more money into this losing proposition, but not before those in medical research "steal" their millions from the desperate outreached hands of the dying.

April 20th is National Lab Animal day. What a better time to turn our thoughts to all the billions of animals that have suffered and been sacrifice needlessly at the hands of man. Let us raise the ethical questions, once again, and speak out against the use of animals as sacrificial tokens. Can the medical research establishment continue to evade the ethical problems of suffering, pain, and death?

The timeless question posed in the last century: "... Are they (the animals) capable of suffering?" The answer (with emphasis) is: Yes, they are capable of suffering!

Frontline, a series that airs on PBS, recently ran a two part series entitled "Organ Farm". This documentary presented the information that current bio research has to offer in the field of xenotransplantation. Those

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patients waiting and hoping for a miracle to become reality. In reality, it is a myth and lie that will become their reality, all based on greed and death, not life as they were so promised.

"Organ Farm" presented both sides of the ethical debate. However, the ethical debate was in overwhelming favor of the "Pro's" of xenotransplantation. Less than ten percent of this two hour documentary was dedicated to the Con's of xenotransplantation. The con argument was only briefly mentioned as an ethical debate. And the infamous house of Horrors-Huntington Life Sciences was only given a brief mention. The same "clip" regarding the ethical dilemma that animal rights activist's face was presented in both Parts 1 and 2. Surely Frontline could of presented a more balanced and comprehensive case regarding the unethical approach to using animals as "tools for research" (See Peter Singers book Animal Liberation).

Animals subjected to the horrors of xenotransplantation include pigs and baboons. Unfortunately, for them, their organs are of similar size and capacity capabilities as that of Homo Sapiens. However, as with any organ transplanted from one species to another there lies a great risk of rejection from the recipient. More lives have been lost cumulatively from donor and recipient combined than will ever be saved in this arena of ghoulish experimentation coined "transplantation" by the medical establishment. Of the millions of non-human animals and human animals that have died due to transplantation only a handful of survivors can honestly claim any kind of success in quality (rewarding lifestyle and health) and quantity (longevity as is applies to a normal lifespan). Instead these people usually lead lives as weakened individuals constantly sick, and on a whole host of anti-rejection drugs- and those are the ones that get human organs, those with organs from another species cannot expect life to be "normal", or even pleasant.

Domesticated pigs are now being implanted with human genes that serve the purpose of an anti-rejection precursor. These intelligent animals are born to die. They spend their entire lives in a sterile environment. At birth they are taken from their mother via cesarean section, then, never knowing the bond that suckling produces they are fed a sterile solution from a sterile, artificial nipple. In fact, their systems are so unnaturally sterile that they are given yogurt so as to obtain naturally occurring flora needed for intestinal health. It is a sad fact that these pigs will never feel the earth under their feet, or a warm nudge from their natural mother, they will never get to breathe fresh air, or see the sky.

Man's evil and unnatural ways are condemning all species days on this planet. For everything in nature has a purpose, and that purpose will

be carried out by a force far greater than we as mere mortals are able to comprehend. Our duty, as conscious caring individuals, is to continue to educate the public and get people involved in helping the planet and all her creatures. This in turn will alleviate some of the suffering, and expose those that are the root of the suffering.

Remember, "If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Xenotransplantation is definitely part of the problem.

May there be Peace on Earth, and compassion for all living creatures.

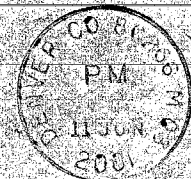
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